

News Briefs

Case lot sale
A commissary case lot sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 16 and Sept. 17 outside behind the store. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

POW/MIA ceremony
All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to attend a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at 4 p.m. Sept. 16 at Ceremonial Plaza in front of the wing headquarters building. The event will feature a four-ship flyby. Dress code is uniform of the day.

Dining facility hours
As a result of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, the dining facility hours of operation have changed. The facility is open daily from 6 to 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, 5 to 7 p.m. for supper and midnight to 1:30 a.m. for a midnight meal.

Retiree Appreciation Day
The BLAZE TEAM will say “thank you” to all retirees and their families during its Retiree Appreciation Day celebration Sept. 17. The event will feature information from various base agencies, a guest luncheon, and the base exchange and commissary will host specials and drawings specifically for retirees. For more information or to make lunch reservations, call 1st Lt. Tanisha Harding at Ext. 3280.

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FEATURE **8**
SUPT Class 05-14 graduates at 10 a.m. at the base theater.

Towering above the rest



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
Maj. Gen. Teresa Marné Peterson, Air and Space Operations Deputy Chief of Staff and former 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th FTW commander, cut the ribbon at the opening of Columbus AFB's \$5.2 million air traffic control tower Thursday. The tower is fully operational.

AFAS establishes relief fund

Capt. Gideon McClure
Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Air Force Aid Society has established a nationwide relief fund to help those Air Force families affected by the hurricane.

Donations to the AFAS Hurricane Relief Fund will be accepted directly from individuals, corporations and organizations, both military and civilian. Monetary contributions may be made by check or credit card.

Credit card donations may be made by calling (703) 607-3073 or (800) 769-8951 or by a secure online credit card form located on the Air Force Aid Society web site: <http://www.afas.org>. Checks should be made out to the Air Force Aid Society and reference the hurricane relief fund.

“The Air Force Aid Society’s goal is to be there when you need us,” said retired Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper, Jr., Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer and former vice commander of Air Education and Training Command. “Due to the

overwhelming number of requests from individuals who want to help, establishing the relief fund will allow us to track contributions and disbursements donated for this purpose. At all times it is important to look out for our fellow Airmen, and at times like this it is even more crucial.”

In addition to receiving donations, the AFAS is also ready to help individuals who have been affected by the hurricane. If you need assistance, please visit any Air Force Aid Society office or contact the website or phone number above.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (06-09)	0.86 days	1.01 days	Oct. 21	48th (05-14)	0 days	2.75 days	Today	T-37	291	512	29,546
41st (06-08)	0.45 days	2.87 days	Sept. 27	50th (05-14)	2 days	2.48 days	Today	T-38C	236	242	13,647
								T-1A	208	196	12,606

Graduation speaker: Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, 5th Air Force commander

Life savers



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
Members of the 14th Comptroller Squadron pose with the Gift of Life trophy, which they acquired after donating the most blood units during the last base blood drive. Mississippi Blood Services sponsors a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel annex. Those who donate will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 WalMart gift certificate.

Military STAR offers disaster relief

Military STAR is offering disaster relief to hurricane evacuees living in or displaced by Katrina to purchase items of necessity.

- Six months no interest and no payments.
- Effective now through Sept. 30, 2005.
- For purchase of necessities.
- Purchases made between Aug. 29 and Sept. 1, 2005 can be retroactively transferred to this special plan number by contacting the Exchange Credit Call Center at (877) 891-7827.

Military STAR will also offer individ-

ual \$500 credit limit increases for hurricane evacuees whose accounts are in good standing. Higher credit limit increases will be considered based on individual credit history.

Due to the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, UPS, Fed EX and the United States Postal Service have suspended service to the following areas in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi until further notice:

ZIP Codes	City/State
365XX-366XX	Mobile, Ala.
369XX-393XX	Meridian, Miss.
394XX	Hattiesburg, Miss.

- 395XX	Gulfport, Miss.
- 396XX	McComb, Miss.
- 700XX-701XX	New Orleans, La.
- 703XX	Houma, La.
- 704XX	Mandeville, La.

To further assist customers within the zip code ranges listed above who were affected by the hurricane, no monthly Military STAR Card, Take IT Home Today! Or ForwardSTAR statements will be mailed; no interest will be charged; and no payments will be due for an undetermined period of time. (Courtesy of Army and Air Force Exchange Service News)



Maj. Rob McGrath
37th Flying Training Squadron



The 14th Flying Training Wing thanks Major McGrath for his **out-standing efforts as assistant director of operations.** His contributions helped garner an “Excellent” ORI rating and Air Education and Training Command's Top Ops Squadron award.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **61 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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Foglesong honored with Order of the Sword



Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong thanks the U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted corps for his induction into the Order of the Sword on Aug. 26 at Ramstein AB, Germany.

Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany — The U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander was bestowed the enlisted corps highest honor Aug. 26.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, who has led USAFE since August 2003, was inducted into the Order of the Sword before nearly 600 enlisted Airmen and guests representing every base within the command.

General Foglesong credited his father for the characteristics that got him where he is today.

"My dad was (a noncommissioned officer) in the United States Navy, and he spent four years in the South Pacific," the general said as he held his dad's dog tags up high. "I learned about work ethic, dedication, and I learned about commitment and taking care of your people from Red Foglesong. He brought those NCO characteristics back

home with him ... so, I know what NCOs do."

These same characteristics are found in today's Airmen, the general said.

"I know that the NCOs in our Air Force are the steel (that supports us)," General Foglesong said. "They are the service-before-self patriots who give their all without blinking an eye — all for the sake of serving this great nation of ours.

Touted as an "Airman among Airmen and a leader among leaders," on the Order of the Sword proclamation, the general's induction is the highest award the Air Force enlisted corps can bestow upon a person.

Humbly considering himself unworthy of the honor, General Foglesong said his induction into the Order of the Sword is the highlight of his career.

"This (is) the high-water mark in my 33 years of service," the general said. "Nothing will top all of you being here tonight." *(Courtesy of USAFE News Service)*

83 deploy to CAFB in support of Katrina relief efforts

Senior Airman John Parie
341st Space Wing

A total of 83 people and eight UH-1N "Huey" helicopters from Air Force Space Command arrived at Columbus AFB Tuesday.

Space command sent people from five of its bases in support of the relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims in the lower six counties of Mississippi.

"We have formed as the 620th Air Expeditionary Squadron," said Lt. Col. Gary Bontly, 620th AES commander.

Servicemembers from Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Minot AFB, N.D.; F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; and Peterson AFB, Colo., comprise the squadron.

The main priorities are search and rescue for people with medical emergencies, and delivering food, water, medical supplies, ice and baby items to people in the Mississippi area, Colonel Bontly said. The host wing commander has been very helpful in getting us setup.

"We are glad the 620th AES is here and happy to support them in anyway we can," said Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. "The joint environment shows the total force effort here."

"This is a very exciting mission for our people," Colonel Bontly said. "The UH-1N helicopter crews are normally not deployable units, but their aircraft are perfect for this mission."

The deployed servicemembers here are witnessing the effects of the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts first hand.

"After seeing on television everything that was going on in this area, I was very happy that they chose us to help out," said Capt. Keith Friedman, helicopter pilot from Malmstrom AFB.

"When we went out Monday, it was amazing to see the type of devastation the hurricane brought to this area," said Maj. LeRoy Reynolds, also a Malmstrom AFB helicopter pilot. "When we got down to the Gulf area, things were pretty hectic. I could really see the importance in what we were doing."

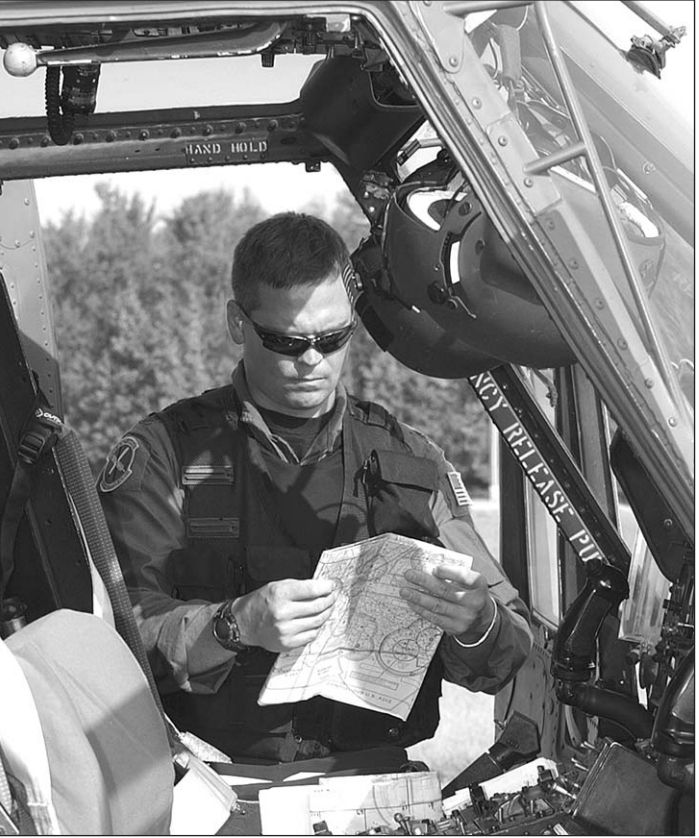
"Since we arrived, we have been doing sector grid searches for people in need of help," said Tech. Sgt. Chad Hagan, Minot AFB aircrew member. "While we are in the Gulf Coast area, we are pretty much doing nonstop missions delivering supplies, while at the same time searching for injured people."

Aircrews fly out of Columbus AFB each day, fly on average of two and half hours to the coast, run missions and then return to the base.

"I'm thrilled to be here," said Airman 1st Class Andrew Gibson, a crewmember from F.E. Warren AFB. "I'm ready to help these people out anyway I can."

This is the first time AFSPC has deployed their helicopters outside of their daily mission of ICBM field security.

(Editor's note: *For more on Hurricane Katrina relief efforts based out of Columbus AFB, see Page 16.)*



Maj. LeRoy Reynolds, deployed from Malmstrom AFB, Mont., performs final checks before boarding his aircraft.

Hydrant flushing

prevent rust stains. For questions, call Nick Yearby at 364-0800 or Stephanie Smith at Ext. 7367.

Hurricane Katrina update for CAFB

Hurricane Katrina evacuees can obtain information on services and available support at the community center, Building 510, from 8 a.m. to midnight daily.

A link on the Columbus AFB external home page, www.columbus.af.mil, is a repository of information for evacuees. There will also be a frequent newsletter and pictures available on the Web site to update the BLAZE TEAM on the base's support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Volunteers

Two options are recommended for those who would like to volunteer their time:

1. Call the family support center at Ext. 2790. They will help source the Columbus AFB volunteers needed to support Hurricane Katrina operations.
2. To volunteer in the community, call the United Way Volunteer Center at 327-0807.

Donating Items

To donate items:

1. Check with the community center



Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, addressed about 70 evacuees during a town hall meeting Wednesday evening.

between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to see if they have the space.

2. The local television station in downtown Columbus, WCBI-TV 4, has a truck in front of its station for donated items.

Monetary Donations

BLAZE TEAM members are urged to be cautious when choosing the charity they would like to support, as there are already reports of scams being run in the name of Hurricane Katrina. The following organizations are recommended:

1. Air Force Aid Society, www.afas.org

2. The American Red Cross, www.redcross.org

Housing

Those who would like to host a person or family in their on- or off-base quarters should call the public affairs office at Ext. 7068 to register. The necessary information will be forwarded to the family support center, who will match evacuees and families with assistance from lodging personnel.

For more information on Hurricane Katrina operations at Columbus AFB, visit www.columbus.af.mil. *(Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office)*

Changes made to AWC course

Changes have been made to Air War College in-residence and non-residence courses. The following is a summary:

❑ All current non-resident enrollees (15th Edition) must complete their course by Oct. 1, 2006.

❑ Recent enrollees who do not think they can complete the course by Oct. 1, 2006 may disenroll now and wait until 2006 to enroll in the new program. Tests they have completed or "credits" earned will not transfer to the new program.

❑ No new enrollees will be accepted between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2005. Current students can enroll again, for example, if they miss a test.

❑ The new program begins Jan. 1, 2006. Qualifications are the same and the course is worth the same credit. Air War College will accept new enrollments.

❑ Air War College non-residence will now be referred to as the "Senior Leaders Course." It is highly recommended that lieutenant colonels and colonels complete the course prior to attending an in-residence program.

❑ The Air War College in-residence program will still be referred to as AWC.

For questions or more information, call the education center at Ext. 2562. *(Courtesy of the 14th Mission Support Squadron)*

DUI status

"Don't Drink and Drive"

Last DUI: June 10, 2005

Days since last DUI: 92

Unit: 14th Civil Engineer Squadron



CLEP testing saves money, time, headaches

Senior Airman Christian Michael
1st Fighter Wing

LANGLEY AFB, Va. — There is a way for Airmen to earn their degrees using knowledge gained from work and personal study, while at the same time saving money and shortening time spent in classes.

The College Level Examination Program and the Excelsior examination program are available to servicemembers in pursuit of a college degree.

These programs save students time, money and encompass a large variety of courses.

They are in high demand because they can eliminate general course credits. While military education does cover some general education requirements, it does not cover or is not accredited in class like English composition, mathematics, natural science,

social science, history and humanities.

However, CLEP general exams cover most first-year level college work, according to Rozzie Lovett, the education services officer at the Langley Education Center here. CLEP subject exams usually cover a wide range and variety of subjects and fields which can be applied toward higher-level requirements. The examination program, along with Excelsior exams, also cover subjects that are more specific to degree programs, though they usually do not exceed second-year college level exams.

Except for specialized exams, such as speech, which requires a taped impromptu speech, most exams are uniform in nature.

"The CLEP general examinations are timed and multiple choice; the subject exams are timed also, but are not multiple choice" Mrs. Lovett said. "Test results are

usually received at the education center three to six weeks after the test date."

There are so many benefits to taking CLEP exams, she said. It saves students and the government money; students don't have to pay for school time, books, gas or living costs that can build up while attending school.

Passed exams have saved the government more than \$300,000 in the past year in class costs and other fees, Mrs. Lovett said. That does not include how much money students have saved paying for the courses.

Tech. Sgt. Edward Perry, the 1st Fighter Wing command chief assistant here, has completed four exams within the past year toward his speech, humanities, ethics and English courses. Currently working toward a bachelor's degree in construction technology, he finds the monetary benefits

the best part of the program.

"It doesn't cost a dime for military members," he said, "I can get college credit toward a degree with information I already know."

CLEP and Excelsior exams are free for active-duty military members, free or a minimal cost to reservists and guardsmen, and are relatively inexpensive for dependents and retirees. On top of the low cost and convenience, there are great benefits for the CLEP exams that keep students coming back.

"Students can take as many CLEPs as they want in any period of time," said Mrs. Lovett. "If they fail one, however, they cannot retake the exact same test for another six months."

For more information on military education programs, call the education center at Ext. 2565.

CSAF Sight Picture

Suicide prevention — Be great wingmen

Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff



Over the past year, I have stressed the importance of Airmen looking out for one another, especially in light of our alarmingly high suicide rate in 2004. I asked that we all make the extra effort to look for troubling signs in our co-workers — that we be great wingmen. Our rate have gone down, but each loss that we take is one too many. The efforts of some great wingmen have saved the lives of some of our comrades in arms, but now I urge each of you to continue to provide mutual support. In my 39-year career, I have always

been proud of how our Air Force takes care of its own. It sets us apart from those in the private sector and it is something I will deeply miss in retirement. This attitude is firmly rooted in the profession of arms and is part of our common Airman culture. Our inaugural Wingman Day occurred after four months in which 24 Airmen took their own lives. Discussing the stressors we experience, re-emphasizing available supportive services, and talking about what it takes to be a great wingman provided an opportunity for us to join together and examine how we can strengthen our common Airman culture at every level.

Why has focusing on our wingman responsibilities contributed to lowering our suicide rates? I believe part of the answer lies in our core value of “Service Before Self.” The foundation of this value is respect — respect for our Air Force, for ourselves and for our fellow Airmen. As we give and gain respect, we develop our sense of what it means to be Airmen and create a community too support those who need our help. Airmen support and protect their fellow Airmen. Airmen help Airmen in need. Airmen work with Airmen to deliver precision results wherever and whenever needed.

Being a great wingman means recognizing when other Airmen are in distress and having the courage to care. I am asking each of you to make being a

wingman a habit and not just a slogan. Wingman Day isn’t nearly enough. While providing a good opportunity to reflect on how we take care of our own, simply rescheduling one day a year is just a beginning. We must each make a conscious choice each and every day, ensuring that we are thinking, preparing and acting in accord with our core values and serving as wingmen to our fellow Airmen, whether they are active, reserve, guardsman or civilian. We should ask ourselves daily, “Who are my wingmen, how are they doing and what have I done to support them today?” That’s where “Service Before Self” begins — with you and your teammates. That’s what makes our United States Air Force the greatest Air and Space force in the world.

Additionally, new members will get a zero-percent interest rate for 12 months on purchases, along with balance transfers with a “go to” rate of prime plus 4.99 percent.

As soon as a new member applies for membership, they’re eligible to win one of six \$1,000 club membership account credits awarded throughout Air Education and Training Command.

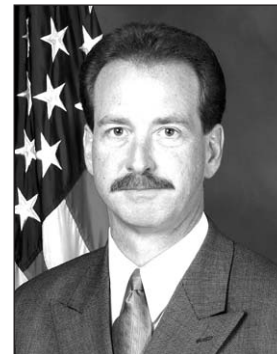
Current members in good standing will not be forgotten during the membership drive. AETC will also award \$1,000 credits to six current members in a random drawing.

Club membership benefits extend throughout services with discounts at most facilities, such as a \$15 discount on any overnight trip offered through the information, ticket and travel office; a \$5 discount on custom engraving at the skills development center; free shoe rental at the bowling center; a \$15 discount on a two-day rental of the Mama Tiger moonwalk; and a \$2 discount on greens fees at the golf course. Off-base discounts include a 25-percent discount at Papa Johns, 10-percent discount at Muffler Magic and \$500 off any vehicle purchase at Columbus Kia, just to name a few.

Club membership is not only an opportunity to save money, but to be a member of 100 clubs worldwide. Your membership not only includes Columbus AFB, but gives you exclusive rights at every Air Force installation. You just can’t afford not to be a member!

Club membership offers many reasons to join

Fred McKenney
14th Services Division



Looking for an incentive to join the Columbus Club? How does the opportunity to have \$1,000 credited to your new Air Force Club card sound to you?

“The Grand Giveaway” is the theme for this year’s membership drive, which runs September through the end of November.

Rick Winland, our new club manager, is always on hand to answer questions about the benefits of club membership. He also invites club members and potential members to attend at least one of the special events coming up in September:

* This Sunday’s Football Frenzy program kickoff at the 14th Services Division Complex, where one lucky club member will win an overnight trip to the New Orleans Saints game Oct. 29

* The upcoming Retiree Appreciation Day celebration Sept. 17 where the club will have an informational booth set up

* The Super Sunday Bingo Extravaganza Sept. 25
* And Comedy Night at the Columbus Club Sept. 30
Another great opportunity for club members to earn

rewards during this year’s membership drive is Columbus’ own “Member Get-A-Member Program,” where an individual, group or organization can earn up to \$1,000 for recruiting new members. Recruit 25 members and receive \$250; 50 members and earn \$500; and 100 members gets you \$1,000. Make sure you submit new member applications to the 14th SVS Marketing Office, located at the skills development center, no later than 4 p.m. Nov. 30.

Also, Chase Bank is offering great additions to their Cash Back Program for all members who sign up during the drive. These incentives include: four points per dollar on card purchases made at any services activity, the base exchange and the commissary from January to March 2006; and two points per dollar for gas purchases made at the shoppette and all card purchases off base during the three month period.

Once a member earns 2,500 points, they can redeem the points for \$25 cash or gift cards from well-known merchants and restaurants. Just a few of the participating merchants include Pizza Hut, Blockbuster, JC Penney, Best Buy, The Home Depot, Pier 1 Imports and Sam Goody. Members can also get gift certificates for Mobil and Exxon products and services, along with Marriott Hotel lodging. People can accumulate up to 60,000 points per year, and card holders have up to 24 months from the month the points were earned to cash them in before the points expire.

Straight Talk Line

dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Written questions may be headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Services provides recreational opportunities

Jimmy Buffett party: The bowling center offers a party featuring the music of Jimmy Buffett at 7 p.m. Saturday. Beverage specials and \$1 cheeseburgers will be available.

Football Frenzy: The club invites all football fans to watch games from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Sunday at the 14th Services Division Complex. Admission is free for club members and \$5 for nonmembers, and includes free snacks and 50-cent beverage specials.

There will be a drawing for club members Sunday for an overnight trip to see the New Orleans Saints game Oct. 29. Other door prizes drawings will be given away as well.

The program also features the “hardest working fan” contest. Club members “clock-in” and “clock-out” and the person who “works” the most wins a recliner from the local furniture store, No Place Like Home. Call Ext. 2490.

Preschool story time: The library’s weekly, 30-minute preschool story time begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Storytime readers are needed. Call Ext. 2934.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus

Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge. A free taco bar is available for club members and cost is \$2.95 for nonmembers. Beverage specials are also available. Call Ext. 2490.

Super Sunday bingo: The Columbus Club offers a \$10,000 maximum payout bingo program at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 25. Club members may purchase a bingo voucher worth \$60 for just \$50 until Sept. 22 at the Columbus Club, golf course, library, outdoor recreation and bowling center. Nonmembers may play but must pay a \$10 entry fee. Call Ext. 2490.

Dorm World 3: The Dorm World program kicks off Sept. 26 and pits permanent party dorm residents in face-to-face competition for prizes, a dorm party and bragging rights as the number one dorm on base. The competitions include bowling, volunteering, a fun run/walk, dodge ball and a scavenger hunt. For more information, contact Rose Lime at Ext. 2503.

Comedy night: The Columbus Club offers a comedy night featuring comedians

Let’s scramble



Pam Wickham

Toni Holcomb, 14th Flying Training Wing, puts around at Whispering Pines Golf Course. The course offers a 3-Lady Scramble Sept. 24. Cost is \$50 per person and includes greens fees, prize fund, cart rental, door prizes and a dinner show immediately following the tournament. Registration at the golf pro shop is required by Sept. 16. Call Ext. 7932.

Morfeý and LaVantor at 8 p.m. Sept. 30. Cost for club members is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Nonmembers pay \$7 in advance or \$9 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Columbus Club, golf course, library, outdoor recreation or the bowling center. A disc jockey will entertain immediately following the show until 1 a.m. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

outdoor recreation for this trip Oct. 8 and Oct. 9. Cost is \$75 per person and includes transportation, cave camping and breakfast. Call Ext. 7861.

Chicken special: The bowling center offers a free soda or tea for every chicken entree ordered this month. Call Ext. 2426.

Free family child care training: Base housing residents can register for free family child care training at the child development center from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 20 to Sept. 22 and Oct. 18 to Oct. 20. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call Contact Cathie at 434-3041.

Pinewood Derby family fun night:

The Columbus Club and youth center co-host this fun event for ages 6 to 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 11. Tickets are on sale at the club and youth center for the family fun night buffet. Ages 6 to 18 will receive a pinewood derby car kit to build, decorate and race at family fun night.

Professional race car driver Tina Stohl will also be available for autographs and photography opportunities with her dragster and hot rod.

Cost is \$6.95 for adult club members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$3.95 for club members and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free.

The youth center also hosts a pinewood derby racing workshop Sept. 27 and Sept. 29. Times are to be announced. Call Ext. 2504.

Spelunking adventure: Register at

Big winner



Pam Wickham

Capt. Ray Madrid, 14th Services Division deputy commander, presents \$500 to Kim Martin, winner of the \$500 grand prize in the bowling center’s summer promotion “Bowl for the Stars and Stripes.”

Breakfast anytime: The bowling center snack bar offers breakfast items anytime the snack bar is open. To place an order, call Ext. 2426.



Capt. Wroten McQuirter III
Marion, Ill.
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



Capt. Christopher Miller
Pittsburgh, Penn.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



Capt. Albert Rampone III
Knob Noster, Mo.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.

SUPT Class 05-14 earns silver wings

Twenty-four officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot. Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force commander, Yokota AB, Japan. In these two command positions, he is the senior U.S. military representative in Japan and commander of U.S. Air Force units in Japan respectively.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Jonathan Kuntz, T-38, and Brian Taliaferro, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Joseph Purcell, T-1, and Christopher Marslender, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Second Lt. Ryan Herman, T-1, and Lieutenants Kuntz and Taliaferro were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A

Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

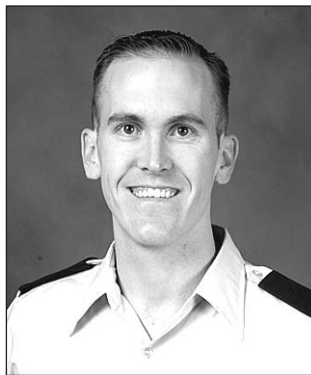
The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. **(Editor's note: The class' pilot partners are Taloney Air Service and PJ's Barbeque.)**



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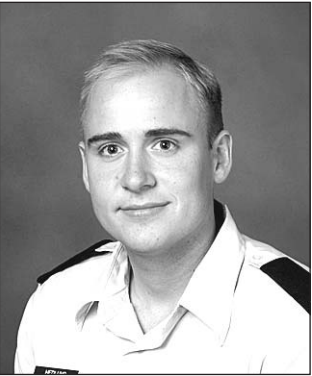
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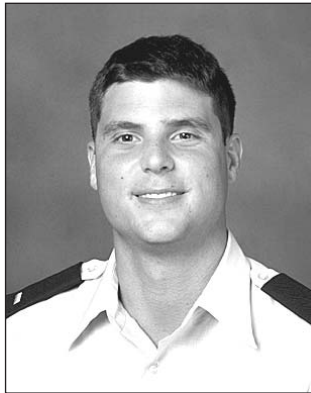
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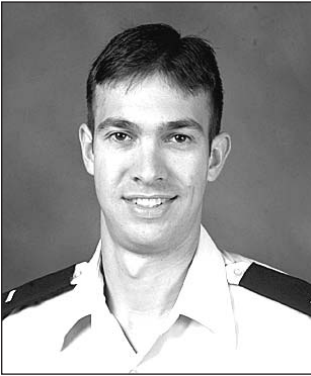
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T-1A Jayhawk



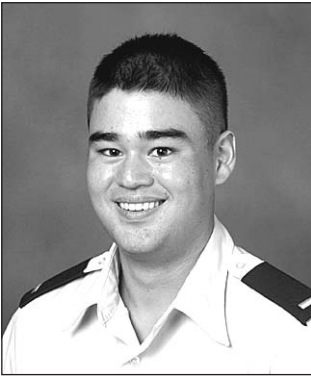
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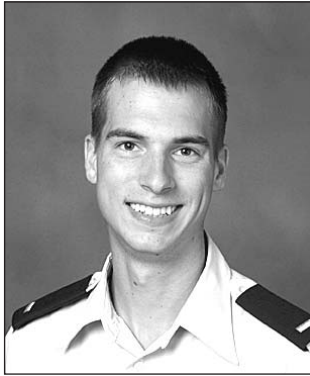
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T-38C Talon

Movies

Today

“Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo”
(R, pervasive strong crude and sexual humor, language, nudity and drug content, 83 min.)
Starring: Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin.

Saturday

“Must Love Dogs”
(PG-13, sexual content, 98 min.)
Starring: Diane Lane and John Cusak.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.services.com.

Base notes

Student Spouse Group

Past, present and future student spouses are invited to a Student Spouse Group social from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 20 at Beans and Cream at Brickerton Square. Cost is \$5 per person and guest presenter Brandi Diaz will lead a Stampin’ Up workshop. The group is part of the Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club and provides spouses an opportunity to meet new people and build resources. For more information or to sign up, contact Vanessa Hedlund at 352-1159 or vanessypooh@hotmail.com by Thursday.

Active-duty orders

Civilian employees ordered to active-duty status are required to provide a copy of active-duty orders to the civilian personnel flight so that a request for personnel action may be initiated for leave without pay and options concerning employee benefits and entitlements may be discussed. Orders should be dropped off at Room 254 of Building 926. For questions or more information, call Ext. 2636.

Hard copy LESs and W-2s

Effective Oct. 1, military members and civilian personnel will no longer be able to obtain hard copy LESs and W-2s from the finance office. Copies of these documents are available at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Those without mypay pin numbers should visit the finance office, Building 926 Room 102.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted

until one hour from closing. Volunteers are needed. Any amount of time is appreciated. For more information, call 434-2954.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

TAP workshop

A transition assistance workshop for personnel who are within one year of retirement or separation from the military is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. To sign up, call Ext. 2839.

Health benefits

A seminar with information about health benefits available for personnel who are separating or retiring from the military is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Veterans Affairs

A seminar about Department of

Veterans Affairs benefits is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

Employment assistance

A workshop about employment assistance from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for people retiring or separating is from 2:15 to 2:40 p.m. Thursday.

Government applications

A workshop on federal employment and the Small Business Administration is from 2:50 to 3:45 p.m. Thursday.

Give parents a break

This free childcare is offered from 5 p.m. to midnight Sept. 17. Reservations are required by Wednesday. Cost is \$3 per hour per child.

The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this program for active-duty Air Force families who are experiencing unique stresses such as deployments, remote tours of duty and extended working hours.

Families must be referred by one of the following: squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, or personnel from family advocacy, the family support center or child development center. For more information or to sign up, call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the CDC at Ext. 2479.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. For more information about the organization, call the family support center.

Speed dial saves lives

BLAZE TEAM members can reach

14th Flying Training Wing emergency responders by dialing 9-1-1 from any base phone, including those in military family housing. However, 9-1-1 calls from cellular phones will connect to off-base operators. To access wing emergency services from a cell phone, dial 434-8881 or 434-8882. People are encouraged to program this number into their cell phones for ready access.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Adult and children’s Sunday School
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at Services complex
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
Wednesday:
9:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study
11:30 a.m. — Lunchtime study
5 p.m. — Pot luck supper and
6 p.m. — Video study
A Case for Kids
Pioneer Clubs

Religious studies

“Living by the Word,” a workbook-based course by Howard Hendricks on how to study the Bible inductively, is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the base Chapel annex. All are welcome to attend this Bible study fellowship sponsored by the Officers’ Christian Fellowship. For more information, call Maj. Kenneth Crane at Ext. 2000.

Tennessee Williams Tribute: The Tennessee Williams Tribute and Tour of Victorian Homes runs through Sunday. The tribute includes breakfasts, lectures, receptions and more. Those interested in the event are encouraged to pick up a brochure at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center to make reservations for events that require a paid ticket. For more information or to obtain a brochure, call 328-0222 or visit the welcome center, located at 300 Main Street in downtown Columbus.

Sign language: Vera Edwards teaches American Sign Language from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today, Sept. 16 and Sept. 23 at the Mississippi State University library conference room. For more information, call (662) 234-6352.

Forestry show: The Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday on Mississippi Highway 25. The event will feature harvesting equipment, landowner programs and helicopter rides. For more information, call Charles Burkhardt at 325-2191.

United Way Day of Fun: Kerr-McGee Corps invites

everyone to the Lake Lowndes State Park Saturday for the United Way Day of Fun. There will be softball, basketball and tennis tournaments along with a fishing rodeo. There will also be food, jumpers, a cake walk, and a silent auction. Events take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the United Way agencies. For more information and prices, call (662) 327-0807.

Birthday celebration: The Birmingham Zoo invites everyone to celebrate its 50th birthday Saturday. Train and carousel rides, moon walks, a birthday cake, ice cream and party hats are all free. General adult admission is \$11. Children admission is free (three per one adult). For more information, call (662) 879-8409 or visit www.birminghams-zoo.com.

Poetry reading and book review: The Sandfield Horizon Committee holds an open-mic poetry reading and book review at 5:15 p.m. every fourth Sunday at the Sandfield Community Center. Readings begin at 5:15 p.m. and the book review begins at 6:30 p.m.

Barbershop chorus: The Possumtown Barbershop

Choral Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church choir room, located across from Memorial Funeral Home. All interested males are welcome to the rehearsals and to sing four-part harmony. For more information, call James Gibson at 327-1655.

Souther Cruisers: Southern Cruisers meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Mi Toro’s restaurant on Highway 45. Anyone with interest in new or old vehicles is invited to attend and join in car-related activities. For more information, call 251-7721, 574-2678 or 328-1146.

Computer classes: Lowndes County School District offers free computer classes to adults of all ages, after-school tutoring and drug awareness workshops. For more information, call 329-7509.

Farmers Market: The Farmers Market is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at the “Ole” Hitch Lot on Second Avenue North. For more information, call (662) 356-6595.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week’s issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week’s issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one)	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
Print advertisement _____					

Name _____					
Home Telephone # _____ Duty Telephone # _____ (in case we need more information)					

Retirement certificates Retirement certificates bearing Gen. John Jumper's signature will be unavailable for retiring servicemembers whose effective retirement date is Oct. 1, 2005, or later. New certificates will be sent to retirees' mailing addresses once the new chief of staff certificates become available for distribution. For retirement ceremonies, “mock” certificates may be used for photographs only. For questions, call the military personnel flight retirements element at Ext. 2596.

Bartowick named Whispering Pines Club champ

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

William Bartowick tallied four birdies and was on his way to a bogie free round until the last hole. There, he posted a double bogie, but still took the title of 2005 Whispering Pines Club champion.

This is the second championship title for Bartowick.

Whispering Pines Golf Course played host to 35 golfers in this annual three-day event with four flights based on handicap.

The championship flight's low net winner was Booker Thomas.

The first flight winners were Chuck Jones with low gross and Roger Hinshaw, 14th Logistics Readiness Division, with low net.

Second flight winners were Randy Bailey with low gross and Mark Holland, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, with low net. Third flight winners were Zack Bailey with low gross and Pam Wickham, 14th Services Division, with low net.

Toni Holcomb, 14th Flying Training Wing, retains her title as the ladies champion for the eighth consecutive year. Pam Wickham posted a 197 with handicap to take the handicap division title.

"This tournament would not have happened without my staff, Dick Bryde, Joe Mack and Harry Fisher," said golf professional Ricky Magers. "What they did to make this course playable after the storm is unbelievable. I have to also thank those volunteers like Rhonda Knipmeyer, Shelli Fisher, Brian Bailey, and the outdoor recreation staff for their help.

"This weekend was customer appreciation weekend as well," Magers added. "More than \$500 in door prizes was given away, and golfers were treated to a steak dinner on Saturday and hot dogs on Sunday."

Upcoming tournaments include a three-lady scramble Sept. 24, commander's challenge Oct. 7 and wacky glo ball tournament Oct. 22. For more information, call Ext. 7932.



Pam Wickham

William Bartowick chips in a shot to claim the title of Whispering Pines Club champion in the three-day tournament over Labor Day weekend.

Shorts

Intramural tennis season

The intramural tennis season has begun. Tennis court # 1 will be reserved every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. throughout the season. For questions or more information, call Barbara Morton at Ext. 2795.

Bowler appreciation

All day every Wednesday, the bowling center offers all Columbus AFB bowling league members 50-cent games September through April. Bowlers must show their Columbus AFB league member card. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

Volkssport event

All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to participate in Columbus AFB's volkssport event Sept. 17. The event features noncompetitive outdoor activities designed to promote physical exercise, fitness, family unity, enjoyment of the outdoors and a positive sense of accomplishment. A 10K walk begins between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. at Freedom Park. A 20K bicycling event begins at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Freedom Park pavillion. A 300-meter swim begins at 7:30 a.m. at Independence Pool.

Light snacks and energy bars will be available at the start of the events. People can register for the walk and bicycle events at outdoor recreation or the fitness center, and for the swim event at outdoor recreation or the base pool.

Wayne Amann

Air Force Academy

SEATTLE — For more than three quarters Air Force was, arguably, "sleepless in Seattle." The Falcons trailed the University of Washington Huskies, 17-6, nearly five minutes into the fourth quarter and needed a wake-up call in their 50th season opener.

They got it from backup quarterback Adam Fitch.

Less than one minute after Washington built its 11-point lead, the senior signal caller replaced sophomore starter Shaun Carney for the second time in the game to direct offensive coordinator Chuck Petersen's no-huddle attack. Four plays later, Fitch found wide receiver Greg Kirkwood behind two defenders down the right sideline for an eyebrow-raising 84-yard touchdown strike, the fourth longest in Academy history.

Air Force refused to hit the snooze button.

A re-energized Falcon defense stalled Washington at its own 48-yard line, forcing a punt down to the Air Force 17 with 5:55 left in the game. Carney returned to engineer a 14-play drive, capped by a 1-yard quarterback keeper with 34 seconds left, for a scintillating come-from-behind, 20-17, win Sept. 3 at Qwest Field, home of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks.

"You can never rule a Falcon out," Air

Force head coach Fisher DeBerry said. "Rallying from 11 points down and making the plays we had to make, I can't say enough about the character on this team."

The Falcon's offense struggled with adversity in the first half thanks to fumbles that killed two drives deep in Huskies territory.

On Air Force's first possession Carney guided his team from its own 31-yard line to the Washington 20 where he coughed up the ball.

The Huskies took the gift and reeled off an eight play, 57-yard drive ending in a 40-yard Evan Knudson field goal and a 3-0 lead.

After the Falcon defense stiffened on a fourth down and 2-yard situation at its own 16-yard line late in the first quarter, Fitch subbed for Carney in the no-huddle scheme.

"That was a pre-game decision," explained DeBerry. "It wasn't because we were disappointed in anything Shaun was doing. We wanted to put some pressure on Washington to make some mistakes lining up and to have a fast-pace game."

The strategy worked briefly as Fitch, aided by a fake kick by senior punter Donny Heaton, marched the ball to the Husky 26, where halfback Chad Hall fumbled.

The next time Air Force got its hands on the ball, with Carney back at the helm, they held on to it long enough for place

kicker Scott Eberle to connect on a 41-yard field goal. His first career three-point attempt, with 39 seconds left, tied the score at halftime.

Washington's offense controlled the tempo for two touchdown drives in the second half. One resulted in a 1-yard scoring run by fullback James Sims midway through the third quarter, while the other ended with a 27-yard touchdown pass from Isaiah Stanback to Cody Ellis with 10:43 left in the fourth.

The scores were sandwiched around Eberle's second Air Force field goal, a 27-yarder, with 1:05 left in the third. The Winona, Minn., senior tacked on a pair of extra points to post a game-high eight points.

Kirkwood's momentum-swinging touchdown catch was one of his game-high six receptions for 134 yards, which more than made up for the kickoff he bobbled out of bounds at the 1-yard line four plays earlier.

"I told the guys in the huddle we're on the 1-yard line so we've got to make plays to get out of the hole we're in," Fitch said. "We got the first down then hit the bomb to Woody to get us back in the game."

"It was a perfect ball," Kirkwood said. "He put it where only I could get to it in stride. One of the defensive backs couldn't wrap me up and I got away."

So did the Falcons.

AFSPC Airmen at CAFB support recovery efforts



Tech. Sgt. Molly Gilliam

Crews assigned to the 620th Air Expeditionary Squadron taxi their UH-1N "Hueys" for the squadron's first Joint Task Force mission flight in support of the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts Monday.



Tech. Sgt. Molly Gilliam

In support of Joint Task Force-Katrina, Air Force Space Command has deployed several UH-1N helicopters and crews to Columbus AFB. As deployment taskings come down, crews fly day and night to provide search, recovery and relief for evacuees in Mississippi coastal areas.



Tech. Sgt. Molly Gilliam

Left: Tech. Sgt. James Heath, a UH-1N flight engineer, computes the total weight of his aircraft to determine how many hours the helicopter can fly.



Senior Airman John Parie

Left: A helicopter crew from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., arrives at the old Strategic Air Command building at Columbus AFB, which is being used as the command center for the Hurricane Katrina relief operations.